From

BOER REAR-CUARD FIGHTS HARD.

Holds Back the British Army for a Whole Day.

RETIRES DURING THE NIGHT

Roberts Protests at Misuse of White Flag-British Check in Natal-Roberts Advancing on Bloemfontein.

(Early Dispatches.) London, March 11 .- The British re-

ported casualties up to this date are Wounded. 8,747

Died of disease 1.029 Missing.. 3,483

Total.. ... 15,677 CHECKED THE BRITISH.

a dispatch from Dreifontein, dated March 11th, says; "All of yesterday was ecupied in fighting. The Boers mainained a stubborn rear guard action long a running front of twelve miles on very difficult ground. The British were advancing in three columns. Gen, Tuever, to the south, occupied Petrusberg, unoccupied. Gen. Kelly-Kenny, after following the river bank, moved in the direction of Abraham's

Driefontein, about eight miles south of Abraham's Kraal, the Boers trength on the ridges connecting sev nl kopjes, where they had mounted

The action began at 8 o'clock in the The action began at a community duel. Gen-morning with an artillery duel. Gen-eral French's cavalry and General Por-te's brigade supported our guns. The See artillery was accurately handled, and the British cavalry found a task arder than they had expected.

NO OUTFLANKING THIS TIME.

Gen, Broadwood, with dogged pervance, moved altogether six miles outhward, trying to find a means to et around, but the Boers followed beind the rising ground, and even ated to outflank him.

Meanwhile the sixth division of inantry, advancing on the Boer left, lowly forced the enemy to retire. Had infantry been able to move faster Boers would have been enveloped. The last shot was fired at 7:30 p. m. is morning not a Boer was to be m. The prisoners belonged to Pres-Kruger's own commando.

dispatch to the war office from Roberts dated Dreifontein, March 15 a. m., says: "The enemy oposed us throughout yesterday's march, as from their intimate knowledge of he country, gave us considerable trou-le. Owing, however, to the admirable adduct of the troops, the enemy were his to prevent us reaching our des-The brunt of the fighting fell e Gen. Kelly-Kenny's division, two jes, turned the Boers out of two strong positions at the point of the bayonet."

102 BOERS KILLED. dispatch to the war office from Lord Roberts dated Dreifontein, March 11th, 9:15 a. m., says: "I cannot precise number of casualties fore I march but will communicate as soon as possible. The Boers sufand heavily, 102 of their dead being t on the ground. We captured about

Among the killed are Capt. Eustace f the Buffs, Capt. Lomax of the Welsh egiment, and Mr. McKartle, a retired adian civillan attached to Kitchener's

Among the wounded are: Buffs-Col. Hickson, leg. severe;

Weish regiment—Lieuts. Torking-on Pope, Wimberley. Essex regiment—Capt. Broadwood. Field artillery—Lieut. Dovendish. Medical corps—Maj. Waite, Lieut.

Australian artillery-Col. Umphley. abdomen, dangerous."

UNEXPECTED TO THE BRITISH. A dispatch from Dreifontein, Orange ree State, March 11th, 6:35 a. m., says: Broadwood's cavalry brigade, advanc-Bloemfontein, unexpectedly and the Boers in a strong position in e Dreifontein kopjes yesterday. Gen. y-Kenny's division arriving, severe shing ensued. The Boers resisted tubbornly, but were driven from their ther position, leaving a number of

and forty prisoners.

During the fighting, in which five bers, though forced from their center sition, clung tenaciously to the other opjes, shelling the British freely gung and two Vickers-Maxims. he British cavalry began to turn the Boer position, but night fell before the nt was completed. The Boers red during the night.

The Brit-

"A large number of Australians were engaged yesterday. The first Austra-lian horse brigade, with the Scots creys, advanced within 800 yards of the Boers under heavy fire. The New South Wales mounted infantry joined The New in the pursuit of the Boers northward." ROBERTS NEAR BLOEMFONTEIN.

The Morning Post's correspondent at ntein, telegraphing Sunday, says: The fight throughout was much in-The enemy evacuated and recupled positions, subtly concealing ntions, and only withdrawing their guns a few minutes prior to their impending capture. Their guns outinged ours, the naval brigade not ar-

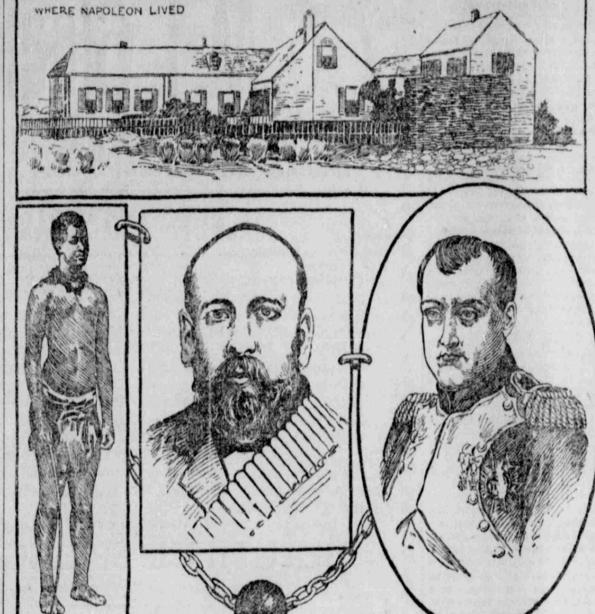
our cavalry horses were completely ired by the repeated withdrawals. The ning movement was begun too late. he enemy attempted, with heliograph, have us to occupy a kopje which they had but detecting the deception, we

The Daily News has the following ton Asvogelkop, dated March 11: The march was continued today to this point. No Boers were seen on the Way. The British are now only twentymiles from Bloemfontein. One of the Boer prisoners says the siege of Mafeking has been raised." The war office maps show a group kopies and a large water pan at ntein, a position which has ap-Brently lages. The Boers who retreated to have moved southward, or else

Abraham's Kraal from Poplar Grove fresh force must have come from Bloemfontein or the Orange river.

BOER MOBILITY REMARKABLE. The opposition met at Dreifentein was newhat unexpected, the idea being

that if there were any resistance would be at Petrusberg. Profiting by their experience, the Boers were pre-pard for a British flanking movement, but is but in extending their position in order avoid being outflanked, they probaseled their center, thus makened their centers that with a bayonat charge. is with a bayonet charge.



ST. HELENA, THE PRISON HOME OF THREE FAMOUS EXILES. The news that General Cronje is to be imprisoned on the island of St. Helena, in the south Atlantic, recalls the exile there of Napoleon, the "Little Corporal," and of Dinizulu, the king of the Zulus and son of Cetewayo.

GENERAL P. A. CRONJE.

Driefontein the Boers must have had 500 wounded. We may expect Lord Roberts to continue his march at the

DINIZULU.

rate of ten miles per day.
"The news that Lord Kitchener has gone south shows that the rising in the Prieska district is troublesome, but it will be effectually suppressed.
"We need not believe the Boer re

port that 12,000 British are near Help-maakar. It is quite unlikely that Gen. Buller will make any decisive move ment until his troops are recuperated."
A dispatch to the Times from Dreifontein, dated Sunday, says: "The storming of Alexander kopje by the Welsh was a particularly fine piece of work. The mobility of the Boers in moving their guns was very remarkable. The New South Wales mounted infantry made a gallant but unsuccessful attempt to capture a gun. According to the latest reports an engagement today is not improbable."

MISUSE OF WHITE FLAG. London, March 12.-The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Dreifontein,

Sunday, March 11th 9:45 a. m.: The following telegram has been addressed to their honors, the state presidents of the Orange Free State and the South African Republic:
"'Another instance having occurred

of gross abuse of the white flag or the signal of holding up hands in token of surrender, it is my duty to inform that if such abuse occurs again, I shall most reluctantly be compelled to order troops to disregard the white flag entirely.

'The instance occurred on a kopje east of Dreifontein farm yesterday af-ternoon, and was witnessed by some of my own staff officers, as well as my-self, and resulted in the wounding of

several of my officers and men.
"'A large quantity of explosive bul-lets of three different kinds was found n Commandant Cronie's laager, and this has been the case in every engagement with your honors' troops. Such breaches of the recognized usages of var and of the Geneva convention are a disgrace to any civilized power. copy of these telegrams has been sent to my government, with the request that it will be communicated to all neutral powers."

A dispatch to the Daily Mall from Asvogelkop, dated Sunday, March 11, says: "The white flag treachery was onally witnessed at Dreifontein by Lord Roberts, who was looking through when the Welsh telescope charging, and saw the Boers hold up their hands, show the flag and drop their guns. He saw an English officer receive their surrender advance to vhereupon a Boer volley was fired and the officer fell.

Roberts' dignified protest against the abuse of the white flag is regarded as the most important fact of the situation. According to the accounts supplied by the correspondents he instance appears to have been most flagrant and there is no doubt that Lord Roberts will carry his threat into execution.

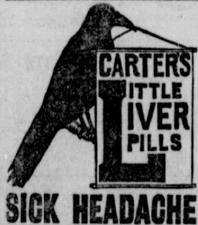
PROPOSALS FOR PEACE.

Daily Mall has received the following dispatch from Pre-toria, dated Saturday, March 10th, and censored by the Boer govern-

"President Kruger and President Steyn had wired to Lord Salisbury peace proposals on condition that the independence of the two republics be ected and the rebel colonies am-

Yesterday the foreign consuls were called into conference, and were requested to invite the intervention of the powers they represented in order

News from Ladygrey, Herschel and Aliwal North show that the rebels are aying down their arms in large num-



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imall Pill. Small Dose. Small Price-

Post says: "With one hundred dead at | bers, and that the Boers all along the | one of the priests of her church to call border are in serious straits.

The rebels assert that the Boers are

subsisting on bread and water and socalled coffee, made from rye. Other rebels are leaving to fight in the Free State. British rule has been restored at Ladygrey, where a big fight is reported to have occurred, many rebels being killed. It is reported that thousands of rebels contemplate sur-

rendering to Gen. Brabant. A dispatch from Brussels says: "Dr. Leyds asserts that Presidents Kruger and Steyn have not telegraphed any peace propositions through him. admits, however, the possibility of such a step on condition that the independ-

ence of the republics is guaranteed, in order to avoid further bloodshed." The Durban correspondent of the Dally News says: "On March 1st an order was issued from Pretoria to field cornets to make an immediate return of all the women and children in the Johannesburg district, with particulars as to whether each family would possess means of transport in case of sudden removal. The order created a sensation.

ARRESTING GERMANS. A special dispatch from Durban says:

"The Portuguese authorities at Louren-zo Marques at the request of Great Britain have arrested four Germans bound for Pretoria with arms and letters of introduction from Dr. Leyds. BRITISH RETIRE OVER THE TUGELA.

The Natal Mercury at Durban has the following dispatch from Greytown, dated today: "A force composed of dated today: "A force composed of Bethune's mounted infantry, the Um-vel mounted rifles and the Natal police, with three Maxims under Col. Bethune eached Pomeroy Thursday, March 8th The following morning the Boer pickets opened fire. A general engagement soon ensued, the Boers using pompons and two big guns. There was heavy firing on both sides. Col. Bethune, see-ing the impossibility of dislodging the rs without artillery, retired south of the Tugela with one man wounded. The Boer loss is said to be consider-

The above dispatch seems to explain the Boer acounts of skirmishing in the Helpmaakar district, and although Col. Bethune's force numbered only a few hundred, the news shows that the Boers are in considerable numbers on the Biggarsberg.

FALL OF MAFEKING EXPECTED. A correspondent of the Daily Mail at Lourenzo Marques, telegraphing Sat-urday, says: "According to Boer reorts the fall of Mafeking is certain. There has been heavy fighting all this week, and the Boers have been shelling the town from all the outlying forts which they have captured. den-Powell cleared all the natives out but the Boers drove them The Boers are preparing for a dinal assault, with the idea that the capture of Mafeking will raise the drooping spirits of the burghers."

The correspondent of the Times at Lourenzo Marques says: "British and German Uitlanders are flocking here from the Transvaal in consequence of cent events. Several important Johan-nesburg mines have been flooded, the government having forbidden pump

The Capetown correspondent of the Standard telegraphs: that the Boer prisoners at Symonston were found boring a tunnel under the lines of the camp. The work had made considerable progress before discov-

News of the Orient.

Tacoma, Wash., March 12.-Oriental advices state that permission to do general business in Japan has been reused sixty foreign insurance companes most of them American. Japanese fficials state that this results from the facts that the applications have failed to comply with the Japanese insurance

Though Korea has never formally asented, Russia regards as accepted her proposal of several months ago to loan era several million yen in return for exclusive mining privileges.

The Russian and French cable and elegraph systems in Siberia, China and

Indo-China are soon to be connected. DIED ON PAINE'S FARM.

Had Many Ministers but None Brought Desired Consolation.

New York, March 12.- During the last illness of Joseph W. See, who lived on the farm at New Rochelle, formerly owned by Thomas Paine, the delst, he was attended by two Christian scientists, two regular physicians, a Metho-dist minister and a Roman Catholic clergyman. He died on Saturday night

from Bright's disease. Drs. Codding and Lyons, local physi-clans, told See, who was 46 years of age, that he had not one chance in a thou-sand to live. Then a Christian scientist who lived on the farm, was called to the side of the dying man. moned a woman prominent in Christian science circles to his aid, and they promised to give See his health. Not believing in faith healers, See's wife, who is a Roman Catholic, asked

on her husband. See himself was a member of the Methodist church, and recently, while the two physicians, the Christian scientists and the priest were at the house, the pastor of the Methodist church called. Then each one learned that See was being prescribed for by many faiths. He told them that he had thus hoped to save his life.

NAPOLEON.

ELECTRIC FLASHES.

On Sundy 184 negroes were baptized into the Mt. Olive Baptist church at New York. One fireman was killed and three others injured at a fire at Boston on

Sunday morning. Ernest Stevenson, postmaster at Diamondville, Wyoming, has disappeared. He is short in his accounts.

Two white men were killed by a negro at Valdorta, Ga., on Saturnight. The murderer was lynched. Valdorta, Ga., on Saturday

J. A. Beaumont, a theatrical man, died at Seattle, Washington, on Satur day night. The case is mysterious, and an investigation is being held. The London Standard urges Lord Salisbury not to accept

amendment to the Hay-Pauncefote A large and fashionable audience filled the Paris Grand opera house yesterday afternoon and gave the mem-bers of the Comedie Francaise a warm reception on their first appearance since the fire which destroyed their old home,

the Theater Francaise Funeral services for the late Edward J. Phelps, ex-minister to England, were held yesterday in Battel chapel, New Haven, Conn. Dr. Timothy Dwight delivered the funeral address. The college choir sang two hymns, "Let Kindly Light" and "Abide With Me."

In Havana yesterday comparatively few people attended the meeting to protest against the appointment of Mgr. Sbarretti to the bishopric of Havana. committee of four, including Ger Maximo Gomez, was appointed to visit the bishop and to inform him respect-fully of the wishes of the Cuban peo-

A terrible tragedy occurred about 2:30 Sunday morning at the Falling Springs, five miles northwest of Pomeroy, Wash. Henry Williams, a young man 28 years old, after trying to kill his wife, his mother-in-law and several neighbors, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. Williams separated from his wife about five months ago.

Lord Salisbury has informed the lord mayor of Loudon, A. J. Newton, that the queen proposes to confer a baronetcy upon him and to confer knighthood upon the sheriffs of the city of London, William Purdie Treioar and Alfred Henry Bevan. Lord Mayor Newton was connected with the recent promotion company scandals ,but has been active in support of the government's South African policy.

worp-out brain cells and wasted

nerve tissues is stopped. When the

nights are passed in restless tossing,

and morning comes without bring-

ing rest and strength; when nervous-

ness, headache, an irritable temper

and inability to concentrate the

then the life forces are being con-

done and done quickly to prevent

the lost appetite, brings sweet, re-

the coming break-down.

TAKING UP THE **BOER REPUBLICS**

Mass Meeting to be Held on Thursday, to Urge Mediation.

SCENES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

"Boers are Irishmen"-Terrible Experiences at Spion Kop and on the Veldt at Modder River.

[Early Dispatches.]

New York, March 12.- The New York committee to aid the United Republics of South Africa, with former Judge George M. Van Hoesen chairman, will hold a mass meeting on Thursday night in Copper Union. Resolutions will be adopted calling upon President McKin-

ley to offer his offices toward mediation. Representative Champ Clark of Missouri, U. S. Senator "Joe" Blackburn of Kentucky, former Secretary of the Navy McAdoo and Montagu White, former minister of the Transvaal to London, will be among the sperkers.

The initiative will be taken at this meeting to get up a big petition expressing sympathy for the fighting

BOERS ARE IRISHMEN.

A correspondent of the Times, writing from Lourenzo Marques, says: A Dutchman gives an interesting accout of a visit he recently paid to the Boer camp at Colenso. He made a short stay at the tent of Gen. Joubert, who at the time was engaged with his secretary and the telegraph wires, while close at hand and under the same canvas his sturdy spouse was placidly peeling potatoes as if no fatal issues were hanging in the balance. The rites of hospitality were observed by the commandant general ordering the native wench Eva, who has accompanied him and his good spouse through many

At the camp an Irish fusileer, who had just fallen into the hands of the Boers, remarked in conversation, "Sure, all the Boers Oi've met have been Irish. Certainly the collection was a most cosmopolitan one. There were a few Afrikanders among them, but the majority were either Americans, Italians, or Greeks. In the near neighbor-hood Judge Kock and the general were cracking whips and stimulating lazy mules into activity, hitching and un-hitching harness, greasing wheels and notching disselbooms, as if such were the ordinary ocupations of the chairman of the first volkraad and a judge

GHASTLINESS AT SPION KOP.

liness, for a glimpse into the gory reali-ties of war, and the horrors of the batmedical officer at Spion Kop, printed in the Daily Graphic, can scarcely be beaten. "I selected a pass," he writes, "overhung by steep clay banks, on the of which I got up a Red Cross flag. Cases now began to pour down rom Spion Kop on stretchers. The Boers opened fire on us, and three bullets went into the fire, knocking the sticks about. The reason for this fire was not the Red Cross flag, but owing to some Tommies who were strolling over to it, either to take cover there or to see what we were doing. I prompt ly ordered them away. A few minutes after the Boers let fire five shells in quick succession in my direction, but they fell short, and did no harm. This sort of thing went on round me for the rest of the day, but I always kept well in the shelter of the bank,

"From this time to ten o'clock next morning the wounded came through my dressing station as the pass was the on-ly exit from the hill. I saw every case, nd some of them were mutilated beyond description.

WOUNDED AND DEAD.

hands. The cheerfulness of the woundand although starving, not a grumble the morning in the front trenches who in and said he just dropped in to let me take his finger off, as it was so shattered he could not pull the trigger of his rifle, as it got in the way of the next finger, which he could use, for

"Several years ago my husband began to

have spells when he could not sleep at night,

sometimes two or three nights in succession.

These spells became more frequent and

more severe until he got so that at times he

could not control himself,-would have wild

visions and would have to be put under the

influence of opiom to be quieted. During

one of these spells I saw an advertisement of

refreshing sleep. He used about a dozen

bottles and I believe it was the only thing

that saved his life. We always have a bot-

NDENSED MILL he wanted to get back up the hill to moon burns pale above the hill in the pay the Dutchmen out. Of course I redness which the sun has left, with the evening star set a moon's breadth

wounds are beautifully clean, just a lit-tle round hole, and as a rule do not do much damage, as they often go through the bone without shattering it, and they do not bleed much. The shell wounds

SOLDIER STOLE LANTERN.

"It was now frightfully dark, and I put one of the lanterns on a stick as a directing light to my pass; one of a group of soldiers returning to the hill tried to run away with it, and I would had lost it only I snatched up a rifle from a wounded man, and shouted 1 would shoot him if he did not bring it back. He dropped it and ran away and it went out; but I got it again. Shortly after this both lanterns went out and I had a preity bad time, as the pass often got blocked with wounded. "Finally I could send no more wounded across the drift, and had to stack

them with the dead in rows on th grass. I collected all the wounded officers on stretchers around me, and gave them brandy and a hypodermic of morphine. The morning light be-gan to dawn about 4:30 and lit up the ghastly faces of the patients around My men now got a fire ready and got some more beef tea and coffee, and I had some myself, the first meal since my dinner the day before, and after giving the wounded some as well, I sent

BOER COMMANDERS.

who were the Boer generals, came now on the scene. The former, who was the chief general, was a smallish, thin

man, with yellowish beard and hair, and

had a magnificent rifle, beautifully carved with his name and a text from

the Bible. He had a couple of mounted

Kaffirs, carrying his ammunition and water bottle, and an interpreter. He

seemed, however, to understand English, though he refused to speak it, but now and then said, 'Certainly, certain-

cards letters and money. It was very sad to see the things we found in their

pockets-love-letters, Christmas cards,

little pocket books, with accounts, half finished letters. Several of the Boers handed in little things they found—a

check for 10s, a purse with money, etc. Some of the officers had trinkets round

their necks. One poor chap had a locket with a spray of white heather, and we

had to cut his name off his shirt and pin it to the locket as a means of identi-

fication. I am sorry to say that a number had their fingers cut off to get their rings, but the Boers said that they

did not see who did it, and were in-dignant."

CAMPAIGN.

days later by a patrol of lancers. He

was in a raving condition, and died shortly after being brought into camp."

NO PROGRESS WITHOUT WATER.

The lessons learned from these things

are interesting. "The march clearly showed," says the same writer, "the

tances in the heat of the day without

a proper water supply-it practicall;

be either along a railway or along the

rivers. Another thing clearly mani-fested was the unsuitability of the

campaign in South Africa. Each man

in pouches hung on his stomach, and at.

tached with an arrangement of straps,

which closely resembles the ordinar;

was a heavy overcoat,

since the march from Orange river be

gan, has, so far as I have observed, nev-

er been used once. Then there are the

water bottle, canteen, rifle, and other

ecessary articles, altogether with uni

form, maing up a burden of about sixty pounds. The kilt is quite unsuitable

for such a march, Thorns caught the

Highlanders in the most cruel manner.

H. F. Provost Battersby, writing from

Orange river to the Morning Post, gives

a still clearer idea of what life is to soldiers on the veldt. His dispatch, dated February 5th, is in part as fel-

close to the skin; one cannot hold a piece of wood which has been lying in

it. The deep, hot, red sand makes in-tolerable the soles of one's boot, and the

piled above the guns, like some em-

blematic car in a procession; long, wide country carts, half tented, brimming

with camp equipment, alternating with naval ordnance hooded in oilskin, or a

loaded with an army. Progress is maddeningly slow, for there is but a single line from De Aar to the Mod-

Then came a delicate touch of local

color, a glowing description. "At evening," he writes, "from one of these

w hills by the river it looks like one

of the great fairs of Southern Russia, for in the twilight the veldt has some-

thing of the darkness, silence and mys-tery of the steppe. Its purples are not

so deep as those that twilight wears above the black earth of the Volga, but

they have clearness and space. And the resemblance is strengthened when

the floating silvery vell of dust, which seems to rise with the evening, gives

camp fires-while out on the veldts, the laboring spans of oxen can only be

seen to move by the growing trails of dust behind them.

NONE CAN PAINT THE PICTURE.

paint into it the sense of war. Even the bugles which cry to each other down there about the fires have no stern hardness in them—no song of death. The thinnest sickle of the new

"No man can paint that picture and

the tethered horses strange

to all within it a magic distance-

carts, the orange brightness

The sidings are choked with trains

string of gray pontoons.

The sun feels like a heated fron held

SUN'S TERRIBLE HEAT.

kilts and tore the bare legs of

mule harness used here. Hung on his

heavy equipment of the men

ecides that the route to Pretoria mu-

danger of taking infantry for long

come

"Commandants Botha and Burgess,

drift.

a flerce campaign, to bring the national beverage, coffee.

of the Supreme Court.

TERRORS OF SOUTH AFRICAN London, March 3 .- Correspondence of the Associated Press.-For real ghastfor water, were lying every fifty yards or so." This is not a description of a battlefield but merely the account of the very ordinary practice march made by Macdonald's hardy brigade to Koodoosberg on February 3 as told by the correspondent to Standard. And the brigade had only marched ten miles when the men thus began to suffer. It is only from vivid descriptions, such as mail, that the climatic conditions of the veldt can be thoroughly realized. The orrespondent goes on to say: Fortunately, the river being close by, water was procurable and the men all got into camp at the drift by 1 o'clock. Only a few of the cases turned out to be very serious. Two men were lost alto-gether, one of whom was found two

"Fully 330 wounded and dead who had died on the way passed through my ed struck me as remarkable-men with shattered wounds smoking their pipes. Many a poor chap shot in could not be reached, lay in the blazing sun all day. One old colonial in Thorn-eyeroft's, with a grey beard, walked down leaning on his rifle; he was a mass of wounds-one ear cut through by a bullet, his chin, neck and chest also shot through by others, and his back and legs torn by shell. He came

the evening star set a moon's breadth above it, as in a jeweler's design. There is not in all these miles of air the dim-ness for one bead of dew. The moon rests unbent on its edge before it moves beneath the hill, and, clear as the sinking flame, the little melancholy twitter of the Kaffir phoenix laments the hour. That and not the camp bugle gives the real 'last post,' the night call of this bird country into which we have come."

But it is the plagues of dust and flies

Gail Borden

that make life so unbearable. For Modder river Mr. Battersby writes: When the first shot was fired across the Modder the land was green in its way. It had at least on it a make-believe of grass, a sparse dried, untooth-some looking herbage, which man and beast accepted as fodder. Now it is a blazing red waste of sand. The waste The waste extends, the sand is intensified as regi-ment is added to regiment, battalion to battalion, battery to battery, troop to troop. The dust which was once a nulsance is now little less than a plague. It is always being stirred by the strings It is always being stirred by the strings of horses on itelr way to watering, which pass and repass to the river almost every hour of the day, by the kicking, squealing droves of transport mules by the long spans of oxen. It rises on the stillest days, without warning, in thin twisting spirals of yellow sand which take their own way, beautiful and abominable, across the camp, befouling everything, upsetting every. befouling everything, upsetting everythem on the ambulances across the

thing that stands across their course, and reaching for hundreds of feet upward into the still blue sky. DUST AS THE PLAGUE. "But the dust evils are little more than an amusement to our dust ridden souls. It is the dust which comes, not in dally spirals, but in overwhelming clouds, that we fear; which hides, not a tent here and there, but the entire camp, the roof of heaven, all vestige of the world; which blinds the eyes and brings blood to the eyelids, fills the mouth with its gritty foulness, and coats every inch of the body with a film of brown; which lasts not for a few ly. There were quite a number of German officers. I heard one of them had been killed. They let our men search the dead for their identification blustering moments, but for hour after nour of unrelieving discomfort, during which it is impossible to ride, to write or to forgive one's enemies. Well, we have, please heaven, but few more

days of it now.
"After the dust-and but a short way after—the files. One used to think, as a child, beside the lice and the blood and the blains that the Egyptians were let off rather lightly with files. A short stay by the Modder alters that opinion. The tent is black with them, the jam pots hum under the hand that lifts them from the table and the flies pour out between one's fingers like black spouts of water, a sudden pyramid of them forms on every morsel of food and one's hand is never at rest sweeping them from one's face. They follow the ink as one writes in search of some fresh experience, and the pen is clogged with their severed feet. Beyond doubt

London, March 3.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—"Men seized with sunstroke, writhing and gasping pions, no doubt, tarantulas, lice, and ther little things of the kind, but these are but incidental worries. Against them must be set the magnificent sunlight day after day, the clear cool nights, the plentitude of the air."

YOUR PACE

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